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JULY 2011



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting

First Monday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting

Third Wednesday of each Month at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 20, 2011

FOREST HEIGHTS DAY AUGUST 6, 2011 FROM 11:00-4:00 P.M. SEE PAGE 8

FOREST HEIGHTS LUAU NITE AUGUST 6, 2011 FROM 7:00 -11:00 P.M. SEE PAGE 8

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 2, 2011 FROM 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. SEE PAGE 2

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Trash/Recycle	5 Fitness Class 7:00 p.m.	6 Yard Waste	7 Trash/Bulk	8	9
10	11 Mayor/Council Workshop 7:30 p.m.	12 Fitness Class 7:00 p.m.	13 Yard Waste	14 Trash/Bulk	15	16
17	18 Trash/Recycle	19 Fitness Class 7:00 p.m.	20 Mayor/Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. Yard Waste	21 Weatherization Meeting 1:00-2:00 and 6:00 to 7:00	22 Mid Day Movie for all age group 1:30 p.m. to 3:30	23 Yard Sale 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
24 31	25 Trash/Recycle	26 Fitness Class 7:00 p.m.	27 Yard Waste	28 Trash/Bulk	29	30 Town Annual Retreat 8:30-3:30 p.m.

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mayor/Council Workshop 7:30 p.m. Trash/Recycle	2 National Night Out 6:00 –8:00 p.m.	3 Yard Waste/Bulk	4 Weatherization Meeting 1:00-2:00 and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Forest Heights Day See Page 8 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Luau Night 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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Forest Heights July 2011



Letter from Mayor

Dear Citizens

The Town’s FY12 budget has been approved by the Council and a synopsis is included in this month’s newsletter, a full report is available on line at [www.forestheightsmd.gov](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov) and from the Town Clerks office. Due to the 11.5% decrease in revenues received from property tax we did not provide any increase salaries to our valued Town employees, we do hope to address the needed repairs to the Town’s aging infrastructure (streets, stormwater drainage system and sidewalks) through the application of grants and provide the needed match from the Town.

To clarify the funds from the Speed Cameras, while the Town did receive \$3,126,819.79 in paid fines before direct expenses. The State of Maryland has finally issued the reporting requirements. The final word is that the municipalities will only be allowed to keep 10% of the revenues that they received the fiscal year less any direct expenditure, not 10% of their budget. This means that the Town of Forest Heights will be giving the State of Maryland a little over a Million dollars. The funds that we are allowed has been used for the Town’s Public Safety. This will help us offset the operating cost of our Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, sidewalk upgrades, Neighborhood Watch Programs, the installation of surveillance cameras and other public safety projects.

As a reminder the National Night Out will be held on August 2, 2011 and Forest Heights Day will be on August 6, 2011. I hope that all of you will come out in to meet and greet other residents. See you there!

Jacqueline Goodall

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION 33-11 – Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

ENACTED: June 29, 2011

A resolution to appropriate sums and amounts for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Section 1. The general purpose of the Resolution is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2011-2012 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

Section 2. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland that the sums and amounts are hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$7,768,726.00	INTERGOVERNMENT	\$4,492,524.00
Town Real Estate Taxes	--855,196.00	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 6,250.00
Income Taxes	192,000.00	TOWN SERVICES	\$ 110,896.00
Other Taxes	46,000.00	SPEED CAMERA	\$1,920,000.00
Trash Fee	145,860.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$7,768,726.00		

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$40,625.00	SPEED CAMERA	
ADMINISTRATION	\$299,381.00	Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$871,447.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$185,100.00	State Revenue After 10% of Budget	389,210.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$575,853.00	Allowable Expenses	12,396.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$222,194.00	STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$700,973.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$153,860.00	STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$45,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$4,110,000.00	TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$94,000.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$69,000.00	GRANTS – RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$305,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,833,988	SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$7,768,726.00

***Town Local Business (continued)***

**New to Maryland Titling and Registering Your Vehicle Information**

As a new resident of Maryland you must register your vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. If you delay beyond 60 days, you will not be eligible for a tax credit for any titling tax paid in another state, and you may be subject to a citation for an out of state registration. Town of Forest Heights will give a 30 day warning period before issuing any citations.

**Please Note:** If an owner of a vehicle originally titled in Maryland obtains a title for the vehicle in another state in the same name, and returns to Maryland, it may be registered by surrendering the foreign title and securing a Duplicate Maryland Title. There is a fee for a duplicate title.

**Titling Your Vehicle**

You can apply for a Maryland title, and registration, in person at any of the MVA's full service branch offices. You also can mail the documents to the MVA's Out-of-State Title Unit, 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21062, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying. Typically, you will need to submit the following forms to obtain a title for your vehicle:

***Proof of ownership – This is the vehicle's existing title that identifies you as the owner. If there is a lien against your out-of-state title:***

First, contact the MVA at the Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA(1682).

If you do not have the title document or certificate, the MVA will provide you with a letter (form #VR-056) to send to your lien holder requesting the title(s) be sent to the MVA. Note: Please have the following information for the letter: Name of vehicle owner, MD address, phone number, VIN number, year, make of vehicle, and lien account number.

Upon receipt of the title document(s), the MVA will write or call you to inform you that we have received the title(s). We will inform you of the excise tax due and ask you to send your completed Application for Title (form #VR-005), the MD Safety Inspection Certificate, and payment (check or money order made payable to the MVA) to the MVA. The check should include payment for the following:

Title fee, Fee to record the lien, Excise tax and tag fees

Application form – The Application for Certificate of Title (form #VR-005) can be used to apply for both the vehicle's title and registration. Be sure to include your insurance information. Your policy must conform to Maryland's minimum liability insurance requirements.

Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate – This Maryland State Police form certifies that your vehicle meets Maryland safety standards. It is valid for up to 90 days from the date issued.

**Certificate of Inspection**

A Safety Inspection is required for all used cars, trucks, tractors, trailers, motorcycles, special equipment, and class "B" for hire vehicles being titled and registered in Maryland. They must be inspected by a licensed Maryland inspection station, such as automobile dealers, service stations and specialized automobile service centers. A certificate of inspection issued by the inspection station within the previous 90 days of the vehicle titling must accompany the Application for Title. To avoid delay, compare the vehicle identification number (VIN) entered on the inspection certificate with the VIN on the vehicle plus the vehicle ownership documents to make certain they agree. Altered inspection

**Question to the Citizens of Forest Heights**

What workshops or seminars do you think would be most helpful to the community?

**THE TOWN RESIDENTS NEED YOUR HELP!**

IF YOU'RE HAVE A BUSINESS OR JUST A HANDY MAN PLEASE COME DROP OFF YOUR CARD OR NAME WITH ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBER IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, HOUR 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE.

**Attention Forest Heights Resident**

The Mayor and Council are hosting the First Annual Forest Heights Forward Retreat on Saturday July 30th from 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. The Meeting will be held at the Forest Heights Baptist Church, 6371 Oxon Hill Rod.

Highlight presentations include: Region Forward and the Future of Metropolitan Washington Economic Development 2031, Prince George's County 2031, Municipal Finances 2031, Municipal Legal issues 2031, and Community Policing 2031.

Continental Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Come join us as we work together to create our future for Forest Heights. Call 301 839-1030 to Register for the Meal Count.

## ***Town Local Business (continued)***



Y 4TH, 1776 AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IS MY BIRTH

INGS AND MANY PEOPLE FOR I OFFER HOPE TO THE OPPRESSED.

RE. I AM GEORGE WASHINGTON AND GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER. I AM  
ND PATTON I AM ADMIRALS JOHN PAUL JONES AND CHESTER NIMITZ I AM  
HER KING.

INE AND WILL NOT FORGET PEARL HARBOR. I HAVE LEFT MY HEROIC  
OCK OF CORREGIDOR. IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEVEN SEAS IN THE  
ASIA, AT THE FROZEN CHOSIN RESERVOIR, AND ON THE BURNING SANDS  
BUT, I AM NEVER SO HONORED AS WHEN I AM TORN INTO STRIPS AND  
EOPLE. MY FONDEST WISH IS TO NEVER AGAIN DRAPE THE CASKET OF A

SON OR DAUGHTER OF MINE TAKEN FROM US IN ANGER. MANY HAVE FALLEN SOME WERE KNOWN ONLY TO  
GOD AND MANY REMAIN MISSING. NONE WILL BE FORGOTTEN AS LONG AS I STAND FOR FREEDOM.

FREEDOM BORE ME AND RAISED ME HIGH AND, GOD WILLING I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS AS THE  
SYMBOL OF A FREE WORLD FOR ALL PEOPLE MAY I POSSESS THE INTEGRITY, THE COURAGE AND THE  
STRENGTH TO KEEP MYSELF UNSHACKLED SO THAT I MAY CONTINUE TO LEAD ALL PEOPLE TOWARD THE LIGHT  
OF FREEDOM, BUOYING THE STRONG AND SHIELDING THE WEAK.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT IS MY HOPE AND MY PRAYER. CARRY ME PROUDLY, FOR YOUR ALLEGIANCE  
HAS MADE ME WHAT I AM, THE BEACON OF LIBERTY AND STRENGTH THROUGHOUT THIS WORLD. GOD BLESS  
AMERICA.

ARRANGED BY: B.M. LEGG EMCM (AW/SS) 1993



## **YARD SALE**

**Town of Forest Heights at**

**5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745**

**Saturday, July 23, 2011 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

# **Vendors Wanted**

**Space \$ 15 / Table \$ 10**

**Contact Kathy Clark**

**(301) 567-5780 or (301) 839-103**



***(also Saturday, August 20, 2011)***

***Town Local Business (continued)***

# For the Month of July

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

***Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday***

THURSDAY—Bulk & Trash



**ATTENTION RESIDENT YOU WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR  
NEW LARGE TRASH BIN BY THE END OF JULY**

**METAL PICK-UP** Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each.

**ANY TRASH OR RECYCLE BINS LEFT WILL BE VIOLATION OF  
THE ORDINANCE, AND WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION OF \$50.00.**



## **PARK & RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE BEGINNING, ARE YOU READY?**

The 60 + Committee is seeking members. Those interested in participating, contact Councilwoman Ann Reifsneider at ext. 241, or Councilman Barnes at ext. 250.

Bid Whist games to begin at the Town Hall on Saturday July 23, 2011 from 4-6 p.m. and every fourth Saturday of the month until further notice. Still seeking players for Pocono and Spades contact: Councilman Barnes at 301-839-1030 ext. 250.

Park and Planning Committee is seeking volunteers for activities, contact Councilwoman Smith-Barnes at ext. 234 or Councilman Kennedy at ext. 239. Contact Town Administrator to serve on the Historical Document Committee.

Let's Get Healthy Bike Ride, sponsored by Ward 1 Council members Barnes and Smith-Barnes, every Saturday at 2 p.m. if weather permits. Meet at Town Hall at 2 p.m. F.H. Police to escort riders to the South-Side of Indian Head Highway in order to get to the bike trail safely. All are welcome but those under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

New information: The Forest Heights Community has taken the first step to become a Share Host Site. Those citizens who are interest in joining or learning more about the Share Food Network should be sure to attend July's Town Meeting on the 20th for the presentation.



***Town Local Business (continued)***

**FREE HOME MAKEOVER**

The Weatherization Assistance Program WAP operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Developments Single Family Special Loans. Program, helps eligible low income homeowners with the installation of energy-conserving materials. Priority is given to those homeowners who are elderly, disabled, have families with children, and/or have the highest energy consumption. Eligible renters may also apply. Examples of improvements include: health and safety items, hot water system, lighting retrofit, insulation and furnace cleaning. If interested, Councilwoman Reifsnieder takes applications at the Municipal Building twice a month check calendar for dates or call 301-839-1030 for dates.

**July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th**

**1:00-2:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**The Town of Forest Heights  
Neighborhood Watch Member Thanks:**

Capt. Atkinson, Ward II , Capt. Councilman Barnes Ward I, Capt. Hines Ward III, Chairperson Muhammad, Capt. Carlton Ward II, Lt. Washington for their hard work and fantastic job well done, cooking for the Block Parties that took place on June 18 and June 25, 2011. We also thank all the town's families that came out and joined us those days. We ask the town's Residents to call us to become a member of our growing wonderful organization.

**The next meeting is August 3, 2011 at  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**BECOME TRAINED OR CERTIFIED  
IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:**

Information Technology (IT)  
Human Resources Management  
Project Management  
Cyber Security  
Healthcare IT  
Healthcare Management  
Acquisition and Contracts  
Management and More  
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PROGRAM**

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FOREST HEIGHTS, OXON HILL  
AND TD BANK**



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**HAVE YOU CALLED? CLASS HAS STARTED.**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Computer, Self Defense, Charm**

**Call for time for Classes**

**Fitness Class** Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Majorettes Class**

**Woodrow Wilson Bridge Walk Club**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

**301-839-1030**

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Local  
Post Customer

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ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM Retail

AUGUST 2011

# New Trash Pick Up Service Monday August 1, 2011

Pick-Up for Regular Trash/Recycle Once A Week on Mondays Only

Pick-Up for Yard Waste/Bulk - Wednesdays  
Bulk (3) items per household limit  
(non-metal)



Join us for a night of Fun  
Food, Entertainment and Socializing



*Forest Heights Luau Nite  
(must be over 25 yrs old)  
from 7pm to 11pm  
Town Municipal Bldg.*



**AUGUST 6, 2011 FROM 11:00 A.M TO 4:00 P.M.**

Forest Heights July 2011